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<b>(54) Title:</b> INHIBITION OF BCL-2 PROTEIN EXPRESSION BY LIPOSOMAL ANTISENSE OLIGODEOXYNUCLEOTIDES  <b>(57) Abstract</b>  The present invention provides novel compositions and methods for use in the treatment of Bcl-2-associated diseases like cancer, specifically, in the treatment of follicular lymphoma (FL). The compositions contain antisense oligonucleotides that hybridize to Bcl-2 nucleic acids, the gene products of which are known to interact with the tumorigenic protein Bcl-2. Used alone, or in conjunction with other antisense oligonucleotides, these compositions inhibit the proliferation of FL cancer cells.		

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